

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2556

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2015

Decline in Procurement

Sathyabama Smt. V.

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the procurement of wheat during 2015 rabi season was less than the target/estimate, if so, the details thereof indicating the targets and the actual procurement, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that the FCI officials had made field trips to assess the damage caused to wheat crop by unseasonal rain and hailstorms in March, 2015 and the likely decline in its procurement during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): The procurement of wheat during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2015-16 was 280.88 Lakh MT which was marginally less than the estimates of 300 Lakh MT. In RMS 2014-15, procurement of wheat was 280.23 Lakh MT. As procurement always fluctuates based on the crop production & market situation in a particular season, the procurement of more than 90% of the target is a good performance, even though it is short of the targets fixed. The slight shortfall in procurement is due to crop damage because of adverse weather conditions during growing/harvesting period in the States like Punjab, Haryana, U.P, M.P and Rajasthan which had also affected the yield.

The target/estimate and actual procurement during Rabi Marketing Season 2015-16 is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Officers from Ministry/ FCI/State Government had made field trips to assess the damage caused to wheat crops due to unseasonal rains and hailstorms during RMS 2015-16.

Accordingly, relaxations in uniform specifications of wheat during RMS 2015-16 were provided in UP, M.P, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Union territory of Chandigarh on the basis of recommendations of teams of FCI/State Government and Ministry officers as per Annexure- II. As per the direction of Government of India during RMS 2015-16, FCI has also procured wheat stocks under Relaxed specifications in respect of lusture loss, shriveled and broken grains.

ANNEXURE-I ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2556 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA

Estimate/Procurement of Wheat

(Fig. in LMT)

S.N.

STATES/ UTs

RMS 2015-16

Estimate

Procurement

1

AP

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0.00

2

Assam

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0.00

3

Bihar

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0.00

4

Chhattisgarh

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0.00

5

Gujarat

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0.73

6

Haryana

70.00

67.78

7	
H.P.	
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0.00	
8	
J&K	
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0.00	
9	
Jharkhand	
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0.00	
10	
Karnataka	
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0.00	
11	
M.P.	
60.00	
73.09	
12	
Maharashtra	
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0.00	
13	
Odisha	
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0.00	
14	
Punjab	
120.00	
103.44	
15	
Rajasthan	
18.00	
13.00	
16	
UP	
30.00	
22.67	
17	
Uttrakhand	
1.50	
0.04	
18	
West Bengal	
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0.00	
19	
Others	
0.50	
0.13	
TOTAL	
300.00	
280.88	

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ANNEXURE-II ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2556 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA

Statement showing State wise relaxation allowed in uniform specifications of wheat during Rabi Marketing Season 2015 – 2016.

Year

State

Refractions

Uniform Specifications

(Limit %)

Relaxation allowed

(Limit %)

Value cut /Remarks.

2015-16

Gujarat

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Up to 25 %

(i) upto 10% without value cut.

(ii) Above 10 upto 25% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.

Madhya Pradesh

Shrivelled & Broken

6.0

Up to 10 %

Upto 10% with value cut @ 1/4th of one value cut for every additional relaxation of 2% or part thereof, i.e. for above 6 upto 8% Rs.3.63 per quintal and for above 8 upto 10% Rs 7.25 per qtl. will be deducted.

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Up to 40 %

(i)Upto 10% without value cut

(ii)Above 10 upto 40% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.

Rajasthan

Shrivelled & Broken

6.0

Up to 9 %

Upto 9% with value cut @ 1/4th of one value cut for every additional relaxation of 2% or part thereof, i.e. for above 6 upto 8% Rs.3.63 per quintal and for above 8 upto 9% Rs 7.25 per qtl. will be deducted.

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Up to 50 %

Upto 10% without value cut

ii) Above 10 upto 50% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.

Haryana*

Shrivelled & Broken

6.0

Up to 10 %

Upto 10% with value cut @ 1/4th of one value cut for every additional relaxation of 2% or part thereof, i.e. for above 6 upto 8% Rs.3.63 per quintal and for above 8 upto 10 % Rs 7.25 per qtl. will be deducted.

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Upto 95% in Kaithal district, upto 90% in Mewat, Sonapat, Jind, Palwal, Faridabad & Kurkshetra districts, upto 80% in Karnal, Hissar, Fatehabad & Panipat districts and upto 50% in rest of the States

i) Upto 10% without value cut

(ii)Above 10 upto 95% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.

Uttar Pradesh

Shrivelled & Broken

6.0

Up to 10 %

Upto 10% with value cut @ 1/4th of one value cut for every additional relaxation of 2% or part thereof, i.e. for above 6 upto 8% Rs.3.63 per quintal and for above 8 upto 10 % Rs 7.25 per qtl. will be deducted.

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*Wheat can be procured with damaged and slightly damaged grains put together upto 6%with the condition that damaged grains alone may not be exceed more than 4%.

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Up to 50 %

(i) Upto 10% without value cut (ii)Above 10 upto 50% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.

Panjab*

Shrivelled & Broken

6.0

Up to 10 %

Upto 10% with value cut @ 1/4th of one value cut for every additional relaxation of 2% or part thereof, i.e. for above 6 upto 8% Rs.3.63 per quintal and for above 8 upto 10% Rs 7.25 per qtl. will be deducted.

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Up to 50 %

i)Upto 10% without value cut (ii)Above 10 upto 50% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.

Chandigarh *(UT)

Shrivelled & Broken

6.0

Up to 10 %

Upto 10% with value cut @ 1/4th of one value cut for every additional relaxation of 2% or part thereof, i.e. for above 6 upto 8% Rs.3.63 per quintal and for above 8 upto 10% Rs 7.25 per qtl. will be deducted.

Lustre lost

With full lustre

Up to 50 %

i)Upto 10% without value cut (ii)Above 10 upto 50% with 1/4th of one value cut on flat basis or say Rs. 3.63 per quintal.